1	2	3	4
23.	Madhya Pradesh	106,631	137,794
24.	Gujarat	145,981	188,898
25.	Daman & Diu	1,150	1,923
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	830	1,537
27.	Maharashtra	85,747	118,008
28.	Andhra Pradesh	64,420	70,521
29.	Karnataka	120,399	151,740
30.	Goa	2,419	3,080
31.	Lakshadweep	74	120
32.	Kerala	164,946	192,704
33.	Tamil Nadu	211,203	302,666
34.	Pondicherry	1,802	2,531
35.	Andaman & Nicobar	724	1,105
	TOTAL	1,488,804	1,914,550

Assistance to co-operative societies in Maharashtra and Bihar

1170. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance granted to cooperative societies in Maharashtra and Bihar during the last three years; and

(b) the details of the terms and conditions laid down for granting such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) financial assistance released by National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to the cooperative societies in Maharashtra and Bihar under central sector/centrally sponsored schemes and corporation sponsored schemes during the last three years

are as follows:

(*Rs. in lakhs*)

Year	Maharashtra	Bihar
2003-04	13642.11	863.12
2004-05	16577.35	1487.77
2005-06	20801.93	1340.98

The assistance by NCDC is released in the form of loan and subsidy, if applicable. The loan is released on terms and conditions inclusive of rate of interest on term loan, working capital and margin money, period of re-payment of term loan, working capital and margin money.

Price regulation in steel industry

1171. DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing the price regulation in steel industry so that the middle class consumers fan be benefited by competitive price when steel production is increased in Indian market in competition with global market; and

(b) if not whether Government would bring a law creating regulatory authority to fix reasonable price of steel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government does not propose to bring any law for creation of aregulatory authority for controlling price of steel. In a liberalized scenario the price of steel is determined by the interplay of the market forces.

Haematite Iron ore consumption

1172. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Haematite iron ore consumed by domestic steel plants during the last three years;

(b) the quantity of ore likely to be consumed domestically by 2019-20; and